



# *Ordo Templi Orientis United States Grand Lodge Annual Report*

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*Anno Vii  
Fiscal Year 2016 E.V.  
(March 2016 - February 2017)*

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*✿ Mysteria Mystica Maxima*

*✿ Ecclesia Gnostica Catholica*

*Annual Report of the  
United States Grand Lodge  
of Ordo Templi Orientis  
Fiscal Year 2016 E.V.*

*Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.*

Ordo Templi Orientis (O.T.O.) is an international religious and magical initiatory fraternity open to both men and women. O.T.O. was founded in Germany and England in the early part of the 20th century E.V., and was incorporated as a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization in California in 1979 E.V. It is currently organized in 34 countries, with Grand Lodges in the United States, England, Australia, Croatia, and Italy, and 157 Camps, Oases and Lodges worldwide. Ordo Templi Orientis is the first of the traditional esoteric fraternities to accept the Law of Thelema, the religious revelation obtained by Aleister Crowley in 1904 E.V. It still operates by the original charters, constitutions, documents and principles established during its formative years.

The U.S. Grand Lodge of O.T.O. and M.:M.:M.: (U.S.G.L.), also known as Ordo Templi Orientis U.S.A., or O.T.O. U.S.A. (<http://oto-usa.org>), is a duly chartered Grand Lodge and National Section of Ordo Templi Orientis, chartered by Ordo Templi Orientis International Headquarters on March 30th, 1996 E.V. It is a tax-exempt, non-profit religious organization incorporated on June 20, 1996 E.V. under the laws of the State of California. O.T.O. U.S.A. was incorporated for the purpose of the preservation and advancement of the religious tenets, doctrines, principles, teachings, traditions and rites of Ordo Templi Orientis, and all its funds are irrevocably dedicated to furthering that purpose.

U.S.G.L. is the most populous and active national section of O.T.O., with 52 active local Man of Earth bodies and 13 active Rose-Croix Chapters in 32 states as of June 2017, as well as Camps in Formation in New Jersey, Virginia, New Hampshire and the District of Columbia. Each local O.T.O. body interfacing with the public (Man of Earth bodies) in the United States is designated as a Camp, Oasis, or Lodge, depending on its size and level of activities. Although there is often much interrelating between local bodies, each operates independently yet answers directly to the national government of U.S.G.L.

Specific local bodies (Oases and Lodges) provide ceremonial initiation into the first series of degrees of O.T.O. Most local bodies also regularly perform an O.T.O. ritual called the Gnostic Mass. This ritual is described in our system as “the central ritual of the O.T.O. both public and private,” and is presented under the auspices of the Ecclesia Gnostica Catholica, the Gnostic Catholic Church, which is the ecclesiastical aspect of O.T.O.

Most local bodies also offer public classes, workshops and book studies that usually cover a wide range of Thelemic and esoteric/occult subject matter. Some of these may include various aspects of the theory and practice of Thelema, Qabalah, Yoga, Ceremonial Magick, Hermetic Science, Tarot, Astrology, Alchemy, Mythology, Comparative Religion, and the history and structure of O.T.O., as well as various Thelemic celebrations, rituals, rites and holidays that assist and support the development of Thelemic community.

This fiscal year, 2016, membership increased by 174 members net, which is a 12% increase over the previous year. However, a number of demits and inactives that occurred during 2016 have not yet been posted. The average annual change in membership numbers over the past five years is an increase of 6%.

Our annual joint meeting of governing bodies was held at our Lover Triad Convocation in Portland, Oregon over the Labor Day weekend, 2016. This year, the annual meeting will be held at our eleventh biennial national convention (NOTOCON) in Orlando, Florida over the weekend of August 11–13.

In the following paragraphs, you will see our Statements of Mission, Program, Vision, and Values. These statements were developed as part of our 2007 E.V. strategic planning process, incorporating principles from the original constitutions, documents and principles developed during the founding and initial growth of Ordo Templi Orientis. They form the basic plan from which our strategic plan was built, and offer a concise view of the direction we have charted for the near future of U.S.G.L. Also included is our Non-Discrimination Policy, first adopted in 2000 E.V.

*Love is the law, love under will.*

Fraternally,

The image shows a handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sabazius X°". To the left of the signature is a grid symbol consisting of a 3x3 grid of squares, with a crosshair in the center. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sabazius X°  
National Grand Master General  
Ordo Templi Orientis U.S.A.



## *M*ission Statement

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Ordo Templi Orientis U.S.A. is the U.S. Grand Lodge (National Section) of Ordo Templi Orientis, a hierarchical, religious membership organization. Our mission is to effect and promote the doctrines and practices of the philosophical and religious system known as Thelema, with particular emphasis on cultivating the ideals of individual liberty, self-discipline, self-knowledge, and universal brotherhood. To this end, we conduct sacramental and initiatory rites, offer guidance and instruction to our members, organize social events, and engage in educational and community service activities at locations throughout the United States.

## *P*rogram Statement

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1. To create, maintain, and promote a structured society of men and women within the United States of America, who are united by their acceptance of the Law of Thelema, by a common interest in Magick, Yoga, and Hermetic Science, by the common experience of initiation and sacramental ritual, by common pledges of fidelity, cooperation, and mutual aid, and by certain common ideals, namely: individual liberty; self-discipline; self-knowledge; universal brotherhood; and opposition to tyranny, superstition, and oppression.
2. To manage and govern this society in substantial conformance with the principles set forth in the writings of Aleister Crowley and other historical leaders of Ordo Templi Orientis, with the approval and under the authorization of the International Headquarters of Ordo Templi Orientis, and in such a way as to ensure its continued survival and promote its continual growth and advancement.
3. To provide certain benefits to the members of this society, including, but not limited to: participation in sacramental rituals; social community and entertainment; pastoral guidance and mediation of disputes; instruction in Hermetic Science, Yoga, and Magick; and opportunities for creative expression, community service, and development of beneficial social and professional relationships.
4. To preserve and advance the principles and practices of the religious, philosophical, and magical system of Thelema, and to promote the principles of individual liberty and universal brotherhood.
5. To conserve and manage books, documents, and other properties of historical or practical value which it may possess.
6. To establish physical centers of activity for the society in diverse locations throughout the United States of America.

## *V*alues Statement

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1. We support the liberty of the individual and the cultivation of self-respect, self-knowledge, self-discipline, and self-responsibility.
2. We affirm the bonds of fraternity and expect fidelity, frankness, cooperation, mutual aid, and good faith among our members.
3. We value hospitality in our community and promote peace, tolerance, truth, and respect to the Order within our temples and precincts.
4. We advocate the principles of Scientific Religion and Universal Brotherhood, and oppose tyranny, superstition, and oppression.
5. We accept and uphold the Law of Thelema as promulgated in the Book of the Law and the writings of the Prophet of the Aeon, Aleister Crowley.

## *V*ision Statement

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1. We envision OTO USA as a model religious and fraternal order of occult initiates, and a leading proponent of Thelemic thought and culture within the United States.
2. We will maintain a physical presence near every major population center in the country, from which we will offer services in support of our mission to our members and to the public.
3. We will uphold the highest standards of excellence and effectiveness in the practice and dissemination of our religious, spiritual, magical, and ethical teachings.
4. We will espouse and defend the principle of individual liberty while cultivating strong fraternal bonds within our ranks.
5. We will foster harmonious and constructive relationships with the academic, business, civil, and greater social communities within which we operate.

## *N*ondiscrimination Policy

1. There shall be no consideration of race, ethnicity, sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation when considering the fitness of candidates for admission, advancement, or appointment of office within Ordo Templi Orientis U.S.A.



## Initiations

Minerval .....	211
I° .....	97
II° .....	60
III° .....	34
IV° .....	29
Perfect Initiate .....	29
Knight of the East and West .....	14
V° .....	14
Knight of the Red Eagle .....	5
VI° .....	6
Grand Inquisitor Commander .....	3
Prince of the Royal Secret .....	2
VII° .....	0

## Initiators

New Initiators .....	15
Attrition .....	11
Total Initiators .....	202
<i>Change from last fiscal year (%)</i> .....	2.02

## Local Bodies

Local Bodies as of 29 February 2017 .....	64
Camps .....	18
Change from FY15.....	3
Oases .....	18
Change from FY15 .....	-1
Lodges .....	15
Change from FY15 .....	0
Chapters .....	13
Change from FY15 .....	0
	Note: Three additional Chapters are dormant.
New .....	1
Closed .....	3
Correction for error in FY15 numbers .....	0
<i>Change from last fiscal year (%)</i> .....	-0.03125

## E.G.C.

Gnostic Masses reported (Oases and Lodges only, per criteria) .....	706
<i>Change from last fiscal year (%)</i> .....	-4.59
Gnostic Masses reported (including Camps) .....	751
Baptisms reported <sup>†</sup> .....	161
Confirmations reported <sup>†</sup> .....	95
Deacon Ordinations reported <sup>†</sup> .....	25
Priest Ordinations reported <sup>†</sup> .....	11
Priestess Ordinations reported <sup>†</sup> .....	6
Weddings reported <sup>†</sup> .....	4
Bishop Consecrations reported .....	0

<sup>†</sup> Includes Baptisms, Confirmations and Ordinations ceremonies performed in previous fiscal years which had not been previously reported.

## Classes

Total number of classes offered* .....	1342
<i>Change from last fiscal year (%)</i> .....	13.54

## Grand Lodge Events

Annual joint meetings of governing and administrative bodies:	5 September 2016 at The Edgefield, Portland, OR
Electoral College Meetings:	23 April 2016 at Knights Templar Oasis, Salem, MA 16 July 2016 (on-line) 15 October 2016 at Black Sun Lodge, Cleveland, OH 21 January 2017 (on-line)
Kaaba Colloquium Workshops:	4-5 June 2016 at AUM HA Lodge, Chicago, IL 4-5 November 2016 at Blazing Star Oasis, Oakland, CA

## Initiator Training

Initiator Training sessions:	15 March 2016 at Sekhet-Maat Lodge, Portland, OR 8 October 2016 at Horus Oasis, Salt Lake City, UT 11 November 2016 at Hidden Springs Oasis, Orlando, FL 26 November 2016 at Scarlet Woman Lodge, Austin, TX
Advanced Initiator Training sessions:	7 May 2016 at Leaping Laughter Oasis, Minneapolis, MN 10 December 2016 at Dove and Serpent, Atlanta, GA

## Publications

U.S.G.L.:	<i>Agapé</i>	<i>The Eucharist</i>	<i>The Pelican</i>
Local Body (Seven local bodies with active, regular publications):			
	Scarlet Woman Lodge		<i>Scarlet Letter</i>
	Horizon Lodge		<i>Sky's Embrace</i>
	Sekhet-Bast-Ra Oasis		<i>Ophiuchus</i>
	Thelesis Oasis		<i>Behutet Magazine</i>
	Coph Nia Lodge		<i>The Wand</i>
	Crux Ansata Oasis		<i>Montes Magicales</i>
	Aum Ha Lodge		<i>The Current</i>

## Library

Number of Titles .....	1,501
Number of Titles Acquired this Year .....	0

Status of Lending Program: Fully activated for lodge masters and members of the VI° and above.

*We always welcome literary donations.*

# Membership

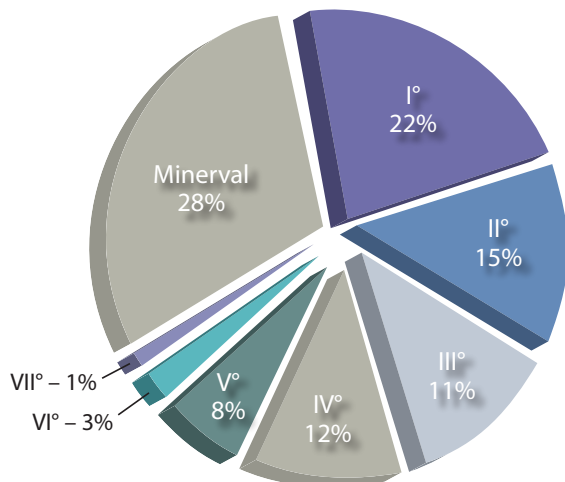
Active members as of Feb 29, 2016*	1,656
Minervals	456
Full members	1,200
Active membership change from last year	174 (12%)
Active membership change from U.S.G.L. founding	573 (53%)
New U.S.G.L membership	305
Number of new Minervals <sup>†</sup>	236
Re-admissions ( <i>requiring Executive approval</i> )	1
Reactivations ( <i>not requiring Executive approval</i> )	67
Moved to U.S.G.L jurisdiction	1
Attrition:	131
Moved from U.S.G.L. jurisdiction	2
Inactivated	125
Demitted Minervals	37
Inactivated full members	88
Resigned	3
Expelled	0
Deceased	1
Suspension	3
Suspension lifted	1
Bad Report	6
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Sabbatical	0

\* Includes full members and Minervals

<sup>†</sup> Includes Minervals performed in FY15 but not reported until FY16

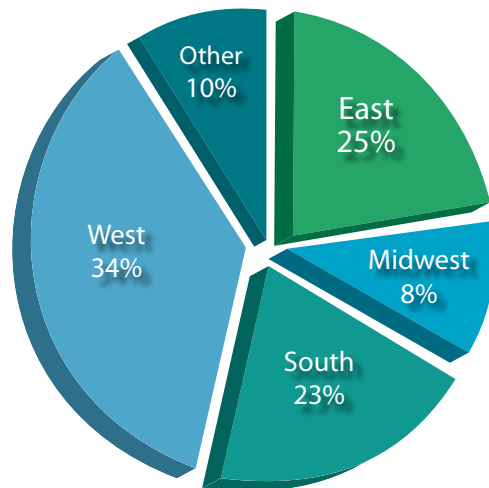
## USGL Membership by Degree

(as of February 28, 2017 E.V.)



## USGL Membership by Region

(as of February 28, 2017 E.V.)



### Region Key

West: AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

East: CT, DC, DE, IN, MA, MD, ME, MI, NH, NJ, NY, OH, PA, RI, VT

South: AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, OK, SC, TN, TX, VA, WV

Midwest: IA, IL, KS, MN, MO, ND, NE, SD, WI



## Finances

### Income:

Dues.....	52,987
Conference Fees.....	40,499
Fees.....	38,481
Training Fees.....	6,374
Sales.....	8,100
Donations.....	101
Total Income.....	\$146,542

### Expenses:

Local Body Subsidies.....	37,641
Administration.....	22,390
Program Expenses.....	76,091
Local Development.....	50,838
Conferences.....	14,927
Internet.....	3,995
Agape.....	2,549
Quartermaster.....	2,146
Library.....	1,582
Prison Ministry.....	54
Total Expenses.....	\$136,122

Net Income for year ending February 28, 2017.....\$10,420

### Assets:

General Fund.....	41,637
Temples & Regalia.....	17,390
Archives.....	16,282
Inventory.....	6,278
Building Fund.....	6,482
Real Estate.....	5,000
Office Equipment.....	3,275
Total Assets.....	\$96,344

### Liabilities:

Accounts Payable.....	\$27,334
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Net Assets.....\$69,010

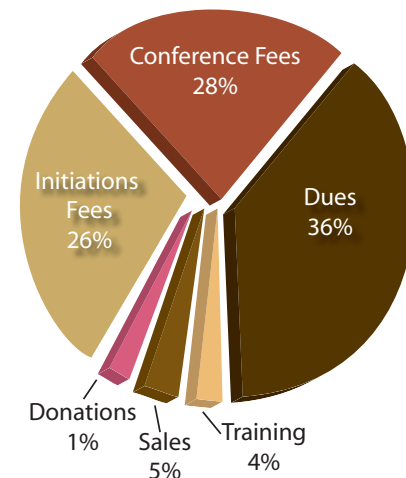
*All members pay dues to O.T.O. International. O.T.O. International provides a concession of 50% of dues paid by US-based members to US Grand Lodge for national administration.*

*Ordo Templi Orientis U.S.A. is a non-profit religious organization, tax-exempt under IRS Code 501(c)(3).*

*Donations, gifts, and bequests are fully tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.*

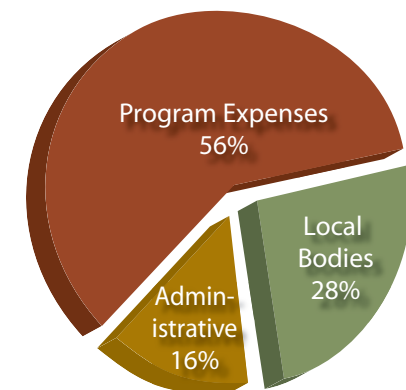
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(March 2016 – February 2017 E.V.)



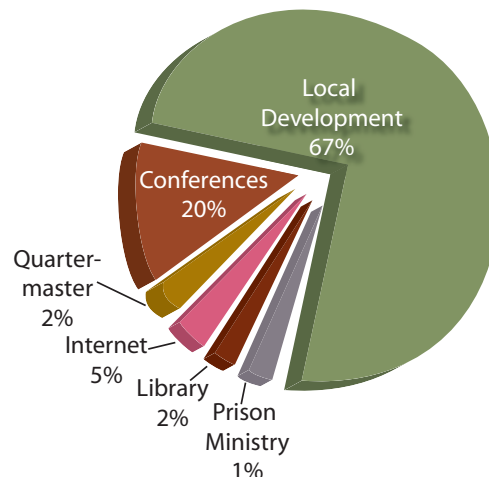
## USGL Expenses

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## USGL Program Expenditures

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Prison Ministry Advisory Panel  
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